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MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF TSUNAMI HIT AREAS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved multilateral agencies for assistance in the reconstruction of tsunami hit areas which is estimated to cost $ 1.5 billion;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c) A Joint Assessment Mission of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had visited the affected states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry during Feb 1-15, 2005 to define the quantum of assistance required for post Tsunami reconstruction activities from the World Bank, the ADB and the UNDP. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has also confirmed its willingness to provide assistance towards rehabilitation of Tsunami affected communities.